

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
LAFAYETTE DIVISION**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**CASE NO. 6:24-CV-01422**

**VERSUS**

**JUDGE DAVID C. JOSEPH**

**ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS ET AL**

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE DAVID J. AYO**

**MINUTES OF COURT:  
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE**

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Date:	October 22, 2024	Presiding:	Judge David C. Joseph
Court Opened:	2:59 PM	Courtroom Deputy:	Lisa LaCombe
Court Adjourned:	3:30		
Statistical Time:	31 Minutes	Courtroom:	Zoom Video Conference

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**APPEARANCES**

J Benjamin Aguinaga	For	State of Louisiana, Plaintiffs
Zachary Faircloth	For	State of Louisiana, Plaintiffs
Caitlin Ann Huettemann	For	State of Louisiana, Plaintiffs
Shannon Thornhill Smitherman	For	Alejandro Mayorkas, Defendants
Jody D Lowenstein	For	Alejandro Mayorkas, Defendant
Robert Mahtook	For	Geo Group Inc., Defendant
Kay Theunissen	For	Geo Group Inc., Defendant

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**PROCEEDINGS**

Case called for discussion regarding [2] SEALED Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

After discussion regarding the progress made in this case, the Court RESET the Rule 65 Preliminary Injunction hearing for **Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** The Court further ordered the parties to confer and submit a proposed joint scheduling with appropriate deadlines for submission of pre-hearing briefing, witness lists, and exhibit lists by COB **October 23, 2024.**

The Court instructed the defendants to make any requests for relief from the [7] TRO by email to the Chambers at: [joseph\\_motions@lawd.uscourts.gov](mailto:joseph_motions@lawd.uscourts.gov). Any correspondence shall copy all other parties. The State Plaintiff shall respond promptly to any requests noting its concurrence or any objections for consideration by the Court.

The Court discussed with the parties [Doc. 11] Motion to Unseal and File Redacted Pleadings by the State of Louisiana. The Government indicated the parties have been working diligently to come to a proposed Order and would submit their response by COB October 22, 2024.

The Court will circulate a proposed email for the parties to consider outlining recommendations for resolution of this case. The Court requested that the parties continue exchanging information and working towards a resolution in advance of the October 31, 2024, Preliminary Injunction hearing.